



Committee of the Whole Excerpts
April 09, 2024

PACHAC TERMS OF REFERENCE EXCERPT

West Hants has and continues to experience a significant amount of development and growth which has resulted in many Land Use By Law changes and Development agreements being presented and approved.

With the amount of increased activity there may be value in having all of Council sit on the PACHAC advisory committee to participate in these conversations from the beginning to aid in further discussions that occur at Committee of the Whole and Council meetings.

The recommended motion was that Committee of the Whole recommend that ...

COUNCIL DIRECTS THE MEETING AND COMMITTEE PROCEDURAL POLICY RCOGE-003.00 APPENDIX K BE AMENDED TO CHANGE THE COMMITTEE COMPOSTION BY ADDING TWELVE (12) COUNCILLORS TO PACHAC AND CONTINUE WITH THE CURRENT CITIZEN MEMBER COMPOSITON OF 7 UNTIL OCTOBER WHEN IT WILL BE REVISITED BY THE NEW SITTING COUNCIL.



WEST HANTS REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY REPORT

Information x	Recommendation ☐	Decision Request	Councillor Activity ☐
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To: COTW

Submitted by: Councillor Francis, District 5

Date: Tuesday April 9, 2024

Subject: PAC/HAC

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

Council Approval

RECOMMENDATION or DECISION REQUEST

Conversation regarding the PAC/HAC committee terms of reference.

BACKGROUND

Property	Public Opinion x	Environment ☐	Social ☐	Economic	Councilor Activity x
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DISCUSSION

With the amount of development that is happening in the West Hants Regional Municipality there has been many Land Use By Law changes and Development agreements that are coming to Council and I often think if it would be best to have all Councillors sit on the advisory committee to be included in these conversations from the start. In previous Council terms all Councillors set on the PAC/HAC, it was when we consolidated the composition of the committee changed to two-year terms to include four councillors and resident members from each of the previous Windsor, West Hants and Hantsport Advisory Committees. Our resident members are valuable members of PAC/HAC and I would not want to see that change.

However, it may benefit to have a discussion with staff and Council to have all Councillors return to that committee. I realize our number of Council members is higher than previous Council size and with our resident members added in it would be a large committee, but I watch our PAC/HAC meetings and there are great conversations at the table with resident members and having Councillors engage in that conversation may benefit when the recommendations come to COTW and Council. It is one meeting a month and all Councillors will have the opportunity to sit at the table for conversation from start to finish. The decision to move the PIM (Public Information Meetings) to separate meetings has helped with the length of PAC/HAC meetings and an opportunity for conversations before the next PAC/HAC meetings. With all Council involved in the process may also help with the discussions at COTW and Council when these recommendations advance forward.

NEXT STEPS

Conversation for discussion among Council and staff input.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

No budget implications

ALTERNATIVES

Council could decide they are not interested in participating in the PAC/HAC committee and leave as is.

ATTACHMENTS

None

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW

The PAC/HAC member composition has been reviewed and changed in the past, each time trying to strike the right membership balance. I have provided a few options to assist council with their discussions. I would recommend that the committee not exceed 12 members.

Options for PAC/HAC Composition

1. Option 1 - Status Quo (9 members)
 - 3 council members
 - 6 citizen representatives (2 H / 2 W / 2 WH)
2. Option 2 – 50/50 Council and Citizen Members (12 members)
 - 6 council members (2 from Growth Centers and 4 from Non-Growth Centers)

- 6 citizen representatives (2 H / 2 W / 2 WH)
- 3. Option 3 – 75/25 Council with Citizen Members (12 members)
 - 9 council members (3 from Growth Centers and 6 from Non-Growth Centers)
 - 3 citizen representatives (1 H / 1 W / 1 WH)
- 4. Option 4 – Council Members ONLY (12 members)
- 5. Option 5 – Council with Citizen Members (15 members)
 - 12 council members (all council members)
 - 3 citizen representatives (1H/ 1W/1WH)
- 6. Option 6 – REMOVE the PAC/HAC Committee
 - PAC/HAC Committees are not required under the MGA.

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